

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
Voting Work Session  
January 10, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.  
*Central Elementary/Middle/High School*  
Cafeteria

The Talbot County Board of Education met in a voting work session on January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chair (D5); Mrs. Julia Leonard, Vice Chair (D1); Mr. James Steverson (D2); Mrs. Sharleta Hall (D3) and Nikki Waller (D4).

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Mildred Biggs at 6:00 p.m.
- Chair Mildred Biggs led the Moment of Silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Mildred Biggs.
- Election of new Board Officers – Mrs. Mildred Biggs turned the meeting over to Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent, as Secretary of the Board. He explained that parliamentary procedure will be followed in the nomination and selection of Board Chair and Vice Chair.
- Dr. Catrett asked for nominations for the position of School Board Chair. Mrs. Sharleta Hall nominated Mrs. Mildred Biggs as Chair Person. Dr. Catrett asked if there was a second. There was a second from both Mr. James Steverson and Mrs. Julia Leonard. A vote was called for by a show of hands. 5-0-0
- Dr. Catrett asked for a nomination for the Vice-Chair position. Mr. James Steverson nominated Mrs. Sharleta Hall for the position of Vice Chair, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. A vote was called for by a show of hands. 5-0-0
- Dr. Catrett asked for Chair Mildred Biggs to resume her position as Chair over the meeting.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the agenda for January 10, 2024, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- **Action Items from Superintendent**  
*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*
- Dr. Catrett notified the Board of a power loss at the school this morning. Georgia Power and an electrician restored the power to the school. Students were moved to the gym that had power. In addition, he notified the Board of a minor accident with a bus sliding in the mud that knocked down a mailbox.

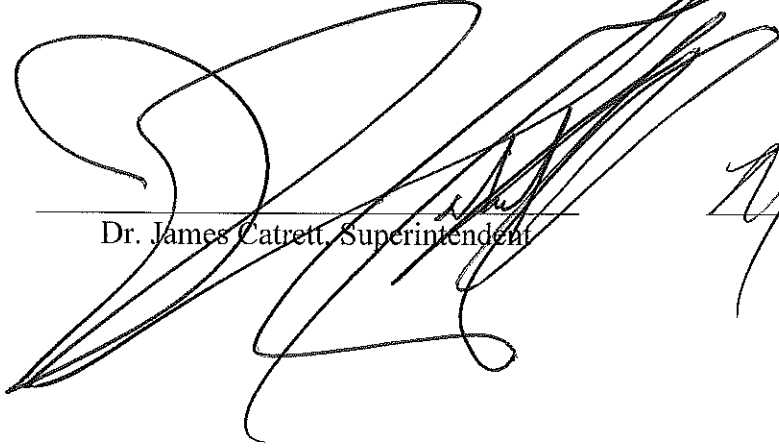
- **Central Elementary/Middle High School**  
*Mrs. Walker, Assistant Principal*
- Report cards were sent home last week ending the first semester. The after School Program was cancelled for today as it will be for tomorrow. It will resume Tuesday, January 16, 2024.
- Athletic Report – Middle School boys have made it to the playoffs. They were scheduled to play Manchester. Due to the ruling of GHSA they will not be playing. Manchester being the higher seat will be in the playoffs, Talbot County will not be playing. There will be a celebration scheduled for the players at a later date.
- **School Calendar 2024-2025** – tabled until the January 16, 2024 board meeting.
- **School Board Meeting Dates 2024** – tabled until the January 16, 2024 board meeting
- **Guidance Counselor Update**  
*Dr. Jenie Carter, Counselor*
  - There are 18 seniors preparing to graduate. We should be receiving college acceptance letters soon.
  - Tuesday, January 16th a representative from Young Harris College will be on campus.
  - Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Morehouse School of Medicine representative, Amelia Copeland has arranged for a motivational speaker to speak with our Middle/High School students on the use of drugs and alcohol.
  - Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> the Youth Empower students with Flint Energies will visit the state capital in Atlanta to witness a congressional meeting.
  - Repack the Backpack was a great success. Collaboration and planning with Family Engagement Director, Ms. Steverson and Amerigroup representative, Sommer Lewis we had approximately 150 students, families, vendors and volunteers gain access to much needed school supplies, healthcare, education support and wellness support.

- Field Trip Request – Mr. Taylor

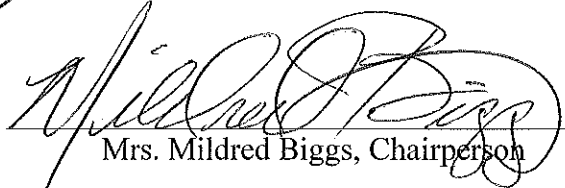
Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return times	Number of Students	Purpose of Trip
Marching/Concert Band	1/15/2024	Harris County	Leave 11:30 a.m. Return 3:00 p.m.	45	Participate in the Harris County Men's Club annual MLK parade
JROTC	2/01/2024	Ft. Moore	Leave 8:00 a.m. Return 2:30 p.m.	55	Medical/first aid overview of life saving techniques

- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Band's Field Trip Request, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0

- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the JROTC's Field Trip Request, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson